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Raised Bill No. 140

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Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) Each nursing home
2 facility, as defined in section 19a-521 of the general statutes, shall
3 establish (1) a grievance policy to ensure that resident grievances are
4 resolved in a timely manner, and (2) a grievance committee pursuant
5 to subsection (b) of this section. The grievance policy shall allow
6 residents of the nursing home facility to elect to have grievances
7 resolved by the grievance committee. If a resident presenting a
8 grievance does not elect to have the grievance resolved by the
9 grievance committee, the administrator of the nursing home facility
10 shall resolve the grievance in a timely manner.

11 (b) Each nursing home facility shall establish a grievance committee
12 consisting of two employees of the nursing home facility appointed by
13 the nursing home administrator and one resident elected annually by
14 the residents of the nursing home facility. The grievance committee
15 shall (1) review and suggest changes, as necessary, to the grievance
16 policy, and (2) resolve grievances that residents elect to have resolved

17 by the grievance committee in a timely manner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require nursing home facilities to have grievance committees consisting of, among others, one resident of the facility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]